

REMARKS

Issues outstanding in the pending application:

- The amendments filed on June 22, 2004 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) and (c);
- Reissue oath/declaration filed January 16, 2004 is does not comply with 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414;
- Claims 7-13 and 18-21 are rejected based upon an insufficient reissue oath/declaration under 35 USC 251; and
- A supplemental oath/declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1) has not been filed.

Non Compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) and (c)

The claims have been amended to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2) and (c). Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment is now in compliance.

Non Compliance with 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414

Enclosed with this Amendment is a new supplemental reissue declaration signed by both inventors that identifies in detail at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Applicant respectfully submits that the oath/declaration is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414.

Claim rejection under 35 USC 251

Enclosed with this Amendment is a new supplemental oath/declaration that complies with 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim rejection under 35 USC 251 has been cured.

Non receipt of supplemental oath/declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1)

Enclosed with this Amendment is an executed supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.173(b)(1). Applicant respectfully submits that this requirement has not been met.

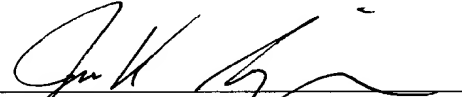
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully asserts that all reissue requirements have now been met. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to reissue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 09804782 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: 1-12-06

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Jan K. Simpson

Registration No.: 33,283

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

1301 McKinney, Suite 5100

Houston, Texas 77010-3095

(713) 651-5151

(713) 651-5246 (Fax)

Attorney for Applicant